

03/12/2021

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

The week has flown by and children across the school have been busy. Reception class went on their first school trip, they enjoyed outdoor learning with Garden classroom where literacy was linked to role play in the outdoors. At the other end of the school, year 6 continue to work hard to prepare for their SATS and all children are now attending twice weekly booster classes in Maths and English. Year 5 have been exploring and writing about earthquakes in Geography lessons- I have looked at lots of their books and they are very impressive.

Today the whole school has enjoyed 'R.E.' Day. Children across the school have been learning in-depth about the major world religions, including Islam, Judaism, Hindu, Christian, Buddhist and Sikh. In assembly we enjoyed and learnt so much from our Jewish speaker, who explained the significance of Hanukah and the special traditions that are part of this celebration. We also thought about the fact that Sadiq Khan, the (Muslim) Mayor of London, had lit the Menorah candle in Trafalgar Square. It is so wonderful that the city we all live in is so diverse and this is truly reflected in the Duncombe community. I feel so lucky to be the Headteacher in such an amazing school.

Finally, Happy Hanukah to all of our Jewish families who have been celebrating this week.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe,

*Helen*

### Dates for your diary:

**17<sup>th</sup> December** – End of term –  
School Closes at **12:30pm**

### Christmas Market

**5<sup>th</sup> December**

**11-3pm**

We are hosting a Christmas Market **THIS SUNDAY!** selling decorations, clothing, handmade items and more

Please come along and support us!

To hire a stall and sell items, please contact the email below

**Duncombecarbootn19@gmail.com**

### Extended Day

Dear parents and carers, please remember Duncombe offers wrap around care from 7am until 6pm, Monday to Friday. Breakfast club is available at just **£1.50 per day** and after school activities starting from **just £2!**



## School Attendance



**Julia Donaldson**  
81%

**Isaac Newton**  
99%

**Eric Carle**  
76%

**Michael Faraday**  
91%

**Judith Kerr**  
90%

**William Shakespeare**  
97%

**Tony Ross**  
92%

**Charlotte Bronte**  
99%

**Earnest Shackleton**  
96%

**Martin Luther King**  
98%

**Francis Drake**  
92%

**Emmeline Pankhurst**  
96%

**Florence Nightingale**  
97%

**Nelson Mandela**  
96%

**Marie Curie**  
95%

**Winston Churchill**  
97%

The whole school's attendance for this week is 96%



## Celebration Awards



### **Julia Donaldson 2-year olds: Eliyanah**

For always being so keen on exploring nursery and making good relationships with her peers.  
You are our little star!

### **Tony Ross: Muzaynah**

Muzaynah has shown resilience when learning how to do new things by herself. A big well done Muzaynah for the progress you've made since starting school!

### **Judith Kerr Reception: David**

David you are showing much better active listening on the carpet and showing your learning through what you say and know. Well done.

### **Ernest Shackleton Year 1: Cephas**

Cephas has been trying hard to become more independent when he does his tasks this week. He is also an incredibly helpful member of the class. Well done!

### **Francis Drake Year 1: Omer**

Omer has been very focused this week. He has been using his phonics to sound out his words and is starting to blend.  
Well done Omer, keep it up!

### **Florence Nightingale Year 2: Faiz**

Faiz has been ambitious in his writing lessons this week. He has used conjunctions to make his sentences even more interesting. Well done Faiz, keep it up!

### **Marie Curie Year 2: Samuel**

For working incredibly hard all week long. Samuel is a quiet and focussed member of the class and I have been blown away by his work outcomes. Keep smiling and trying your best!

### **Isaac Newton Year 3: Mumina**

For excellent use of scientific and historical vocabulary. Mumina talks like a historian. She has shown great enthusiasm this week and been a kind and caring member of the year three team. Well Mumina. We are very proud of you.

### **Michael Faraday Year 3: Neriah**

Neriah has been very helpful in class this week. She has shown great self-esteem and perseverance when trying hard to complete her tasks. Well done Neriah!

### **Charlotte Bronte Year 4: Bemir**

For enthusiasm in his learning. Bemir reads to learn, and shares his knowledge and ideas regularly in class discussions. Well done Bemir!

### **William Shakespeare Year 4: Omar**

For showing great enthusiasm and humour. Omar tries his best, doesn't give up and is always smiling! Well done.

### **Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Ehsan**

Ehsan has been putting a lot of effort into our classwork this week. I was particularly impressed with his engagement in our Geography lessons when learning about earthquakes. Ehsan was eager to share his ideas with the class and also listen respectfully to his peers- well done Ehsan, keep it up!

### **Martin Luther King Year 5: Sylia**

Sylia has shown independence and enthusiasm this week. She has been ready to learn and I have enjoyed listening to her partner talk and reading her work. She is an absolute joy in the classroom. Keep working hard Sylia!

### **Winston Churchill Year 6: Charlotte**

I have been really impressed by Charlotte's effort and progress with her maths. She has worked hard to become confident using short multiplication and is using her times tables facts to help her. She is always focused and helps others when they need it. Well done Charlotte!

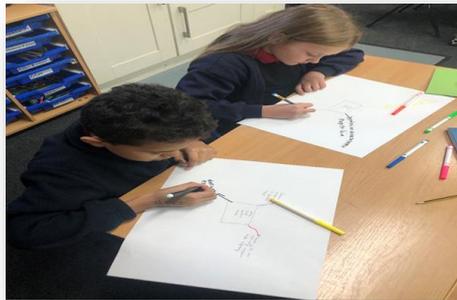
### **Nelson Mandela Year 6: Nazli S**

for her excellent talk homework which prepared her really well for her cross curricular writing on Australia. By researching well beforehand, she had a wealth of information when writing. Well done for taking her work so seriously.

## Fantastic Work

### Year 5

This week, Year 5 summarised everything they have learnt in R.E. in a mindmap. We wrote why some people choose to believe in God and why some people do not. We used these ideas in our writing!



### Year 4

The Year 4 children continued their history investigation into the Ancient Civilization of Benin. They became loyal craftsmen to their Oba and designed and created a plaque to display his



## Year 2

Year 2 have continued their journey as historians this week and had a look at portraits of Queen Elizabeth I. They noticed that she always had something in her hand to make her look important.



## Reception

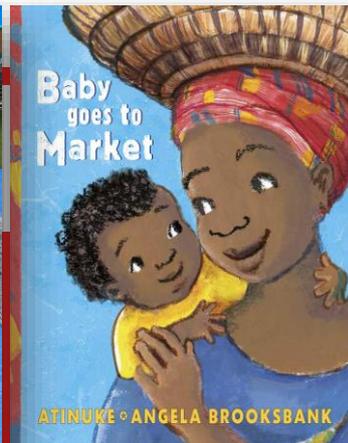
This week we had fun exploring floating and sinking in science. We knew Stick Man had floated down the river and we checked with our own Stick Man to see if it was true. We then made predictions and tested the items to see if we were right, and whether they did float or sink.



## 2 Year Olds

This week our story is "Baby goes to market". We have been exploring, tasting and buying the food from our shop.

We have also been putting a basket on our heads and seeing how much food we can carry. It was very heavy. Next week we are hoping to make some Chin chin biscuits.



## Parent Messages

### Parent coffee mornings

We are happy to announce that coffee morning will be starting up again. These will be **held every Friday morning from 9-10am in the bottom hall**. Please see the timetable below for different sessions that will be taking place this half term.

December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas activities in Islington for the holidays
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## Christmas Market 5<sup>th</sup> December

11am – 3pm

Dear all parents/pupils,

This Sunday we are hosting our **FIRST EVER Christmas Market**. There will be lots of items for sale starting from £2. Please come along and have a look at all of our trader's items, this includes handmade items, Christmas handmade goods, candles, clothes, food and more!

It would be great to see our Duncombe community there supporting us.

